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Fad Too Expensive.

A woman in Worcester, Mass., was surprised at receiving extra large bills for gas used the last two months and on investigating the matter found that her new maid was keeping a teakettle singing on the gas stove all day long. In answer to her query as to the reason the maid informed her that she felt more like working while the kettle was singing. The maid now works without accompaniment.

A Double Hold.

Miss Moonlight—"Er—let me hold the reins, please." Mr. Bashphul—"What will I do, then?" "Miss Moonlight—"You might hold the holder of the reins."

The Producer.

"Does your husband play cards for money?" "Judging from practical results," answered young Mrs. Torkins, "I should say not. But all the other men in the game do."

New Testament Language.

Hellenistic Greek, the language of the New Testament, is the simplified dialect of Attic Greek used by the Semitic people Hellenized as a result of the conquests of Alexander.

World's Submarine Cables.

The submarine cables of the world cover a total of 278,208 miles, distributed among 2,053 cables. Three-fourths of this total mileage is owned by private companies.

THE TERRIBLE COST OF WAR AND ITS LESSONS.

Actual Cost of Fighting is Small Part of the Whole Cost of Strife.

In the current annual report the commissioner of pensions gives a statement of the cost of pensions from the beginning of the government, as follows:

Revolution (estimate).....	\$ 70,000,000
War of 1812 (service pension).....	45,757,396
Indian wars (service pension).....	9,985,609
Mexican war (service pension).....	42,492,784
Civil war.....	8,556,461,840
Spanish war.....	26,283,805
Regular establishment.....	15,507,028
Unclassified.....	16,484,049

Total.....\$2,913,082,513

Payments to be made this year will send the total well above \$4,000,000,000. The pension cost of the civil war to date—and that cost is not yet paid—is as large as the amount raised by the government through borrowing and taxation to prosecute the war to its close. After the war was ended and all its direct costs paid, the expense was but half met in other ways.

These figures encourage thinking. Not as to the cost of pensions, but of the cost of war. If a country calls its citizens to war, it must pay the cost; it should support them if service disables them, and it should reimburse their dependents if the war takes their lives. But the actual cost of fighting is but a small part of the cost of war.

Perhaps the largest cost the world over, is the maintenance of ever-growing military establishments; the cost of war and the cost of pensions are somewhere near equal. Every large nation is taxed heavily to support large armies and navies. A still greater tax is that involved in withdrawing from industry the service of millions of men at the most productive ages. War is silly, antiquated, an unnecessary burden. Worldwide disarmament would stop a tremendous direct tax, would avert the heavy cost of life and money of wars to come, would send into the industries men enough to produce, working but a few hours a day, all that the world needs to live upon. Properly regulated, this force of labor would solve the problems of poverty the world over. Lacking proper regulation, disarmament would mean simply letting loose a flood of labor to compete with those already engaged in industry for the meager pay that now prevails.

Some time these things will be adjusted better. The world has plenty of work for all, and can furnish food and shelter and clothing for all. Now, because an idle few in every country reap the richest fruits of labor's efforts, and because millions of producers are withdrawn from industry, armed and uniformed and saddled upon their countrymen to be supported, the lot of the average man is hard. He must do the work that these idle soldiers should be doing as well as his own work, and he must pay for their keep out of the slender wage that those in control of industry pockets him. This isn't a very sensible way to arrange things, but they are arranged that way because, as yet, the people have not really begun arranging things. Some time they will take the reins into their own hands, and then there will be a very noticeable change in a good many directions.—Duluth Herald.

PREVENTED MANY STRIKES

Excellent Work Done Under Canadian Industrial Disputes Investigation Act.

The chief feature of the beneficent Canadian act called the industrial disputes investigation act was the requirement that, in the event of a dispute arising in any industry known as a public utility, it should be illegal to resort to a strike or lockout until the matters in dispute had been made the subject of an investigation before a board of conciliation and investigation to be established under specified rules by the Canadian minister of labor.

During the two years from March 22, 1907, to the end of March, 1909, 55 applications were received for the appointment of boards, under which 49 boards were set up.

On the 55 applications received strikes were avoided or ended in 25 coal mines and four metalliferous mines, in 15 railroads and three street railways, in two bodies of longshoremen, in one body of teamsters and in one body of sailors, and in two industries not public utilities. There were two cases in which strikes were not averted or ended. Only two cases, therefore, out of 55 ultimately resulted in strikes, those two strikes being in perfect accordance with the wise terms of the act, which permit owners to lock out their men and workmen to strike after the public investigation has been completed and its results published.—Charles W. Elliot, in McClure's.

NOT ALWAYS SAFE TO LAUGH

Carlyle's Savage But True Reply to Imbecile Aristocrat Who Scoffed at Theories.

Edward H. R. Green, the noted young capitalist and statesman of Texas, and son of the equally-noted Mrs. Hetty Green, said in New York recently, apropos to the Wright aeroplane he was buying:

"I was the first Texan to own an auto, and now, I am the first to own an aeroplane. Of this distinction I am proud.

"Some people laughed at the first autos. They laughed at the first aeroplanes. Such people retard the wheels of progress, and sometimes they are crushed under those wheels.

"Such people remind me of an empty-headed duke who said to Thomas Carlyle at a dinner:

"The British people, sir, can afford to laugh at theories."

"Carlyle, scowling at the duke, replied:

"The French nobility of a hundred years ago thought that they could afford to laugh at theorists, too. But a man came and wrote a book called Jean Jacques Rousseau, and his book was a theory and nothing but a theory. The nobles could laugh at his theory, but their skins went to bind the second edition of the book."

"Wedding Horses."

An old-fashioned man who wanted to hire a team for the afternoon saw a nice pair of bays which he thought he would like to drive.

"Can't let you have them," said the liveryman. "They are wedding horses."

"What's that?" asked the innocent pleasure seeker.

"Horses that won't shy at old shoes and showers of rice. Some horses seem prejudiced against matrimony. Anyhow they lose their temper if they happen to be hit by any of the good-luck emblems that are fired after a bridal couple and run away if they get half a chance. Every livery stable, however, keeps two or more horses who take a more cheerful view of the wedded state. They may be literally pelted with old shoes without resenting it. Those bays are that kind. They are slated to head a wedding procession to-night and are resting up for the job."

When Life Is Hard.

In the spring the impecunious girl had bought a natty little gray gown

for a wonder. She had worn the skirt all summer, but the coat she had hung up in the clothes press, covered with tissue paper and one thing and another. The weather began to be cool, so she brought the coat forth from its moorings and put it on.

She stood in front of the mirror and regarded the combination with dismay. The coat was three shades darker than the skirt, which had been all summer long exposed to the atmosphere. She turned round and round. No difference! The same.

"Life is very hard," sighed the impecunious girl.

Whales Along Massachusetts Coast.

Officers of the steamer Vera, which arrived from Jamaica, report that they saw hundreds of whales off the Massachusetts coast. The frigate was off Nauset when Capt. Rynning and the chief officer first sighted the whales.

To the northward for miles the whales were dispersing in the water. One of the officers declared that he had never seen so many of them. They swam along, apparently all heading northeast. Every little while one would nose alongside the steamer and would dive out of sight. The whales were in sight until Cape Cod was rounded.—Boston Transcript.

Logical Conclusion.

"You look sweet enough to kiss," says the impressed young man.

"So many gentlemen tell me that," coyly answers the fair girl.

"Ah! That should make you happy."

"But they merely say that," she replies. "They merely tell me the facts in the case and never prove their statements."—Life.

The Odor of Clay.

The peculiar odor of clay is unquestionably due to organic ingredients. Although this cannot be isolated or detected by chemical analysis, they can be classified according to their physiological effects, which vary widely. Rohland has succeeded in transferring the odors of clay to saccharate of iron and has thus recognized 10 distinct varieties. Louis has made similar observations, employing ammonia as a vehicle for the odors.

Not of the Worrying Kind.

"I happened to ask a waiter at one of the cafes in the Bruges Grande place to tell me which was the north side of the square—momentarily forgetting my bearings. He replied: 'I do not know.' Astonished at this answer, I reminded him that he had been in his place many years. 'Ah, out!' he said in a tired tone, but I am not clever, and I live in a town where it is only necessary to be a good Catholic."—John O'Londou, in T. P.'s Weekly, London.

Botanists in Dispute.

Prof. Thomas Jamieson of Aberdeen, is making himself very annoying to orthodox science by insisting that plants take their nitrogen from leaves and not from roots. He does not himself show how they do this, but demands to know how it is that so many air plants and lichens that have little or no root get their indispensable nitrogen. If Prof. Jamieson is right, then the botany books will have to be rewritten from end to end.—New York Press.

Value of Games.

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